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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0336

LONDON FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, IC
SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREATS IN ICELAND

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT EACH OF ICELAND'S SIX DAILY NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED LETTER FROM QTE RED REVOLUTION ARMY UNQTE. LETTERS SAY THAT SINCE CONVENTIONAL DEMOCRATIC MEANS OF CHANGING CAPITALIST SYSTEM HAVE FAILED IN ICELAND, GROUP MUST NOW RESORT TO ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING, SABOTAGE, AND OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CAPITALIST INSTITUTIONS.

2. POLICE ASKED PRESS NOT TO REPORT MATTER, AND SO FAR ALL HAVE COMPLIED. SUBJECT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF AT LEAST SOME MPS WHO HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITHIN OWN PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS. THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCUSSION IN ALTHING AS A WHOLE.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH REYKJAVIK DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF,
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PSO RECEIVED NONCOMMITTAL RESPONSE WHEN ASKED ABOUT MATTER BUT HAD IMPRESSION THAT SOMETHING WAS LEFT UN- SAID. ACCORDING TO ALTHING SOURCE, POLICE HAVE IN- CREASED GUARD AROUND PRIME MINISTER AND SOME OTHER POSSIBLE TARGETS.

4. COMMENT: VIOLENCE IS SO ALIEN TO ICELANDERS

THAT TERRORIST ACTION HERE IS ALMOST INCONCEIVABLE
TO LOCAL POPULACE. THREATS OF VIOLENCE ARE JUST AS
EXTRAORDINARY AND FOR THAT REASON THESE LETTERS ARE
REGARDED WITH MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST. SINCE
THERE IS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THEY ARE CRANK
COMMUNICATIONS OR GENUINE THREAT, EMBASSY WILL BE
FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS AND KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH
POLICE AUTHORITIES.

MEANTIME, EMBASSY MARINE SECURITY GUARDS HAVE BEEN ALERTED
TO SITUATION AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INCREASE
SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. WE ARE ALSO INFORMING AMERICAN
STAFF TO POSSIBLE SECURITY THREAT AND SUGGESTING
CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL
SITUATION IS CLARIFIED. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH NATO
BASE AND ARE ENDEAVORING TO ELICIT MORE INFORMATION
FROM MFA RE ICELANDIC EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE THREAT,
PARTICULARLY AS IT MAY AFFECT FOREIGN MISSIONS.
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